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TITLE: Computer-implemented employee prompting method for stores and restaurants, involves determining monitored activity level of the employee and outputting a prompt depending on activity level to perform a task

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BASIC-ABSTRACT: NOVELTY - Information to perform a task and monitored activity

level of the employee is determined. A prompt is output to the employee depending on activity level to perform the task.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

- (a) Computer-implemented method for prompting at least one employee working in a retail establishment to perform a task;
- (b) Computer-implemented system for prompting an employee working in a retail establishment to perform a task;
- (c) Machine-readable media to operate a POS terminal in a retail establishment to perform a task

USE - For stores and restaurants.

ADVANTAGE - Instead of computers, discrete hardwired component can be used for prompting an employee working in a retail establishment to perform a task.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the flowchart for prompting an employee to perform a task.

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TITLE-TERMS:

COMPUTER IMPLEMENT EMPLOY PROMPT METHOD STORAGE RESTAURANT
DETERMINE MONITOR
ACTIVE LEVEL EMPLOY OUTPUT PROMPT DEPEND ACTIVE LEVEL
PERFORMANCE TASK

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